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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANTS: Zimmermann, et al

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TITLE: METHOD AND DEVICE FOR ACTIVATING ANECHOLOGY CENTER R3700
ELECTROMAGNETIC CONSUMER

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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL OFFICE ACTION
UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action dated February 27, 2001, please reconsider the above identified application based on the following:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the specification as follows:

On page 1, line 21 please add the following new paragraph:

[U.S. Patent No. 6,097,585 (Heinzelmann et al.) discloses method and device for driving
an electromagnetic consumer, which is assigned to the assignee of the instant patent application,
and the disclosure of which is incorporated herein by reference.]

On page 7, line 10 please add the following new paragraph:

[A device for activating an electromagnetic consumer 100 having a movable element is
disclosed. The electromagnetic consumer 100 includes a solenoid valve for controlling a
metering of fuel into an internal combustion engine, the device comprises, means for determining
a duration of a time window such that a current flowing through the consumer 100 during the
time window does not exceed a threshold value; and means for determining a switching instant